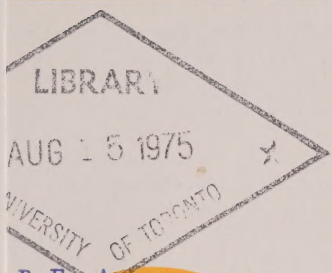


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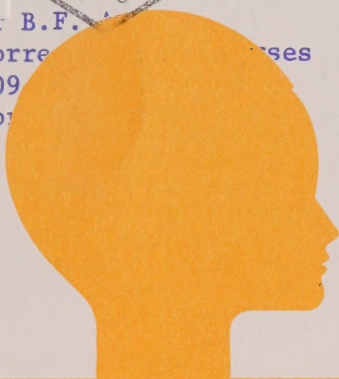
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Learning at your own pace by correspondence

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Are you being denied a job promotion or better pay because of the Secondary School Graduation Diploma you don't have? Do you feel you're too old to go to school during the day and too busy to go at night? Do you want to continue your studies but don't want to be tied down to a particular time, or a particular place?

If you live in Ontario, are sixteen years of age or older, and meet a few basic requirements, there's a good chance you can earn a diploma, or increase your skills and knowledge, without ever setting foot inside a classroom. It probably won't cost you a penny, and you can do it in the comfort and privacy of your own home.

How? By enrolling in the Ontario Ministry of Education's correspondence courses program. (A complete elementary school correspondence program is also available in both English and French for children who are unable to attend regular classes.)

How does it work?

Correspondence courses are free, and you may begin a course whenever you like. You can follow your own timetable for completing assignments, and earn a certificate or credits at any time of the year.

In addition to the elementary program, courses cover a wide range of secondary school subjects, including business and commerce, drafting, English, Français, French, geography, German, history, social sciences, Latin, classical studies, mathematics, the sciences, and the visual arts.

In most cases, everything you need is supplied free of charge, including textbooks, supplementary reading materials, cassette tapes, records, kits for some visual arts and science courses, instruments, and the lessons themselves. (If you wish to take Year 5, or Honour Graduation courses, you will have to pay for your own textbooks.)

When you complete an assignment, you mail it to the Correspondence Courses office in Toronto for grading and review by a certified secondary school teacher. Your assignment is returned to you, together with the teacher's comments and suggestions. While you're waiting, you move on to the next lesson.

All secondary schools in Ontario now operate on the credit system. Most courses earn the student one credit, but some are worth a partial credit and a few are worth more than one credit. A minimum of 27 credits is needed to obtain a Secondary School

Graduation Diploma. Correspondence courses work in the same way. In other words, you accumulate credits for each course you complete, instead of being promoted by grade, year, or level. If you have already completed part of your secondary school education, you'll be given credit for the courses you've passed.

Correspondence courses of varying degrees of difficulty and varying approaches are offered in many subjects. You may take several courses in one subject area if you wish, or study several different subjects. When you successfully complete a course, you may move on to a more advanced course in the same subject area, no matter how you're doing with your *other* subjects.

Since each correspondence student plans his or her own program, the *choice* of subjects is based on your own interests or needs. If you require help in choosing a combination of courses that will lead to the achievement of a specific objective, the people at the Correspondence Courses office in Toronto can give you expert advice and guidance.

Are you eligible?

Yes, if you're a resident of Ontario and fit into one of the following categories:

- (a) a person sixteen years of age or older who is *not* enrolled in day classes in a public secondary school (there is *no maximum age limit* for enrolment);
- (b) a person who would normally be attending day school in Ontario but cannot do so because of illness or distance from the nearest school;
- (c) a person who is temporarily absent from Ontario (for a period not longer than three years);
- (d) a student who is enrolled in Year 3, 4, or 5 (Grade 11, 12, or 13) of a public secondary school and whose principal agrees that correspondence courses (in some subject areas) would be an appropriate alternative to classroom attendance *for that student*. In this case, the principal must sign the student's application form. Final approval rests with the Chief Education Officer, Correspondence Courses.

For many people who are unable to attend school, or who did not complete their secondary school education for any one of a variety of reasons, correspondence courses provide an ideal way to update skills and knowledge, or to earn a diploma.

Many other people take correspondence courses simply because they wish to increase their knowledge of subjects that interest them. Perhaps *you* could take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity in education. Fifty thousand Ontario residents—of all ages—do so every year.

If you'd like more information, write to Correspondence Courses, 909 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4W 3G2, or talk to your secondary school principal or to an official in the regional office of the Ministry of Education.

Regional offices of the Ontario Ministry of Education are located in the following cities:

Thunder Bay (475-1581)

Sudbury (566-3480)

North Bay (474-7210)

London (472-1440)

Waterloo (885-0440)

St. Catharines (684-1123)

Willowdale (Toronto 491-0330)

Kingston (546-2641)

Ottawa (225-2230)